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1. INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IMET) APPRO-
PRIATION FOR PERU OF $700,000 (REFTEL) IS FAR SHORT OF ANTICIPATED
LEVEL AND POSES A THREAT TO U.S. MISSION'S EFFORTS IN
BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL AREAS. MAAG HAD ALREADY INDICATED
TO THE PERUVIAN JOINT COMMAND (MARCH 1976) THAT IMET FOR FY 1977
WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY US$900,000, SUBJECT TO LATER CONFIRMATION.
FENCED FUNDS FOR MAAG PERU'S SHARE OF FUNDING OF CANAL ZONE
TRAINING SCHOOLS AND ANTICIPATED 1977 CAEM ORIENTATION TOUR WILL
CUT DEEPLY INTO IMET APPROPRIATION FOR PERU, DISRUPTING PLANS
FULLY COORDINATED AND STAFFED WITH THE PERUVIAN ARMED FORCES.

2. SUCH AN ABRUPT REDUCTION IN IMET FUNDING WOULD COME AT A
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TIME WHEN GOP-USG RELATIONS SHOW VERY POSITIVE SIGNS OF IMPROVING.

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THE RECENT MARCONA SETTLEMENT, HOPEFUL SIGNS IN THE GULF CASE AND THE CHANCE OF WIDER FUTURE PERUVIAN COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL ALL POINT TO A VERY DIFFERENT GOP ATTITUDE TOWARD THE U.S. THAN THAT WHICH HAS PREVAILED IN THE PAST. IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE INDEED IF U.S. INABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LEVEL OF MILITARY TRAINING FOR FY 1977 WERE IN ANY WAY TO SIGNAL U.S. HESITANCY ABOUT THIS POSITIVE TREND. FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW OF WELL-KNOWN U.S. INABILITY TO COMPETE WITH THE HIGHLY FAVORABLE AND PLITICALLY-MOTIVATED TERMS OFFERED BY THE USSR IN PROVIDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT, OUR IMET EFFORT IN PERU BECOMES DOUBLY IMPORTANT. AS LONG AS THE MILITARY HOLD POLITICAL POWER IN PWERU, WHICH WE ANTICIPATE FOR THE NEAR TO MID-TERM, THE QUALITY OF U.S.-PERU RELATIONS WILL DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON THE ATTITUDE OF SENIOR LEVEL MILITARY OFFICERS TOWARD THE U.S. AMPLE PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THESE ATTITUDES CAN BE VERY FAVORABLY INFLUENCED AT A FORMATIVE PERIOD IN A YOUNG OFFICER'S DEVELOP-MENT BY EXPOSURE TO U.S. MILITARY TRAINING.

3. I WOULD THEREFORE URGE A CAREFUL RECONSIDERATION OF IMET FUNDING FOR PERU FOR FY 1977, WITH A VIEW TO RAISING THE LEVEL OF APPROPRIATION TO THE ANTICIPATED $900,000 FIGURE. DEAN

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